

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 15, 17 and 18 are active in this application. By this amendment, claims 1, 15 and 16 have been amended and claim 18 is added for the Examiner's further consideration. Support for the features recited in claims 1 and 15 can at least be found on page 12 of Applicants' originally filed specification. Based on the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner to pass the case to allowance

Examiner Interview

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during a personal interview conducted on January 14, 2004. During this interview, the Examiner indicated that the application would be in condition for allowance in view of discussion between the Examiner and Applicant's representative.

Applicants note that the Furukawa, for example, shows a smooth dopant profile as shown in Figure 1. But to the advantage of the invention, the

Si and SiGe films according to the invention may be characterized by the borders where dopant production is begun or stopped. Particularly, the invention makes possible production of films having spiked borders where the dopant is introduced or stopped, rather than tailing borders.

See, page 12 of the specification.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is distinguishable over the prior art references and is in immediate condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that all of the claims are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed. Applicants hereby make a written conditional petition for extension of time, if required. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 09-0458.

Respectfully submitted,



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